

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of claims 1-7 without amendment in view of the following remarks.

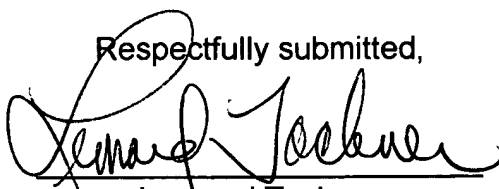
Applicant is at a loss to understand where in the prior art of record the common feature in all of the pending claims is disclosed or even suggested. This feature is the "pinched together" of the otherwise spaced parallel surfaces to thus form a pocket. This feature is shown for example in FIGS. 7-9 of the Applicant's drawings and referred to by reference numeral 38. This feature is discussed in Applicant's specification at page 8, lines 25-29 and at page 9, lines 14-18.

The Office Action alleges that this feature is shown in Morrow (5,769,445) in FIGs. 8-10. However, the undersigned cannot find any reference to such pockets in Morrow and cannot see such pockets anywhere in FIGs. 8-10 of Morrow. It would be very helpful if the Examiner could clearly point out by reference number or by marked up drawings from Morrow where such a pocket resulting from pinching appears. On the contrary, if one carefully traces the upper and lower surfaces of Morrow shown in FIGs. 8-10, they appear to be clearly continuous around the perimeter of the entire structure without any hint of pinching or pockets formed by pinching.

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Since such pinching or pockets formed by such pinching appear as an element of all of the pending claims, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections on prior art without amendment herein. Moreover, if the Examiner persists in maintaining this ground of rejection, it is respectfully requested that the Applicant be granted another non-final Office Action in which to respond. Otherwise, it is respectfully urged that the pending claims all recite a significant structural feature or step which is clearly absent from the art of record and therefore an early allowance of the pending claims is solicited.

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